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JOYEUX CHRISTMAS

HHSS PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALISTS QUALIFY FOR ZONE FINALS IN BELLEVILLE

At two assemblies this month, 30 young people of Haliburton County gave prepared and impromptu speeches of excellent calibre. On December 5th Mr. Oakley chaired the junior competition among students of grade 9 and 10. Time keeper was Bob Woodcock. Those competing in the prepared speeches were Cathy Packard, Beverley Lancaster, Jim Pitman, Allison Brandon, Pat Adams and Larry Bolender. Judges were Mr. C. Wallace, Mr. D. Kemp and Mr. H. Armstrong. Allison Brandon placed first, Larry Bolender second, and Pat Adams third. In the impromptu speeches Rick Dunford, Clint Hirstwood, Darlene Austen, Sheldon Stoughton, Linda Coneybeare, Judi Godin and Jane Mathieson competed. Judges were Mr. C. Wallace, Mrs. E. Burt and Mrs. G. Armstrong. Jane Mathieson placed first, Judi Godin second and Sheldon Stoughton third.

Miss Misener chaired the senior contest held on December 13th, when students from grade 11 and 12 competed, along with junior contest winners, for school representatives at the zone finals in Belleville at Albert College on March 1st, 1968. The competition there is sponsored by the Ontario Hydro and Ontario School Trustees' Municipal Councillors' Association. Time keeper was Edward Hancock. Contestants in the prepared speeches were Nancy Armstrong, Derek Hewitt, Ken Hone, Randy Bailey, Valerie Sisson, Rosemary Elstone, Judy Hughes and Allison Brandon. The overall winner was Allison Brandon; the senior contest winner was Rosemary Elstone, second was Nancy Armstrong. Judges were Mr. J. Logie, Mrs. A. English and Mr. G. Doyle.

The impromptu contestants were Tim Carroll, Miles Morrison, Susan Austin, Sharon Wright, and

Jane Mathieson. The winner was Miles Morrison. Judges were Mr. P. Chevrier, Mrs. E. Burt and Dean Smith from Lakefield Boy's School. Mr. Smith informed the head of the English Department, Mrs. G. Armstrong, that he was much impressed by both the quality and number of the speeches.

PARENTS NIGHT

The 1st Troop Minden Guides and Brownies entertained their parents and guests at the Parish Hall last Wednesday December 13th. The programme was one in which each one of both groups took part, including singing and skits as well as this, a demonstration of skills taught. Leaders are Commissioner Hope, Mrs. A. Mackenzie, Louise Dollo, and Mrs. Higgins.

KINSMEN NEWS

At the regular meeting of The Kinsmen Club of Minden Wednesday December 13, 1967, two lucky people received some extra Christmas money by having their ticket drawn for the Kinsmen Marathon draw.

The first ticket for \$100 went to Mr. Norm Harrison Jr. with Ticket No. 99. The second ticket for \$50.00 went to Mr. Harry Cowan, with Ticket No. 256. Tickets were drawn by Mr. Fred Layton of Toronto.

40 MEMBERS FROM THIS COUNTY ATTEND CONVENTION

"To the work!" declared a jubilant Norman Bradshaw summing up the three-day circuit convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in Orillia this past weekend. Mr. Bradshaw, presiding minister of the local group, led a forty-member delegation to the conference in Christian works.

NO PROGRESS NEXT WEEK

The Progress will not publish next week due to holidays. Next issue will be printed Thursday, January 4, 1968.

And the Angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men".

During this Yuletide season, think of the real meaning of Christmas. It is the season of giving and rejoicing. Our bilingual headline is part of the weekly publishers hopes across this province to bind Canadians together. Newspapers in this province dream that in the year to come, they may contribute in some small way, to the unity of Canada.

We all can contribute at this time of year, by giving thanks, and joining hands in friendship. Whatever you do, drive carefully, and have a really good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

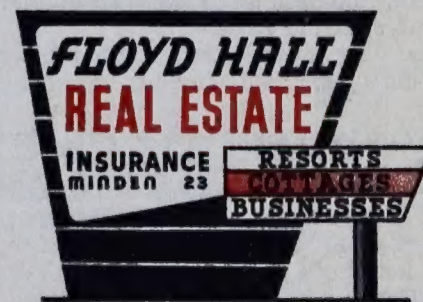


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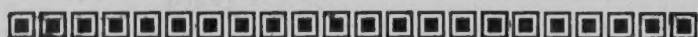
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HERE AND THERE

by FENWICK FINCH



For the past few days we have been getting lots of mail and nice cards from "Finch Fans"; to those who were kind enough to remember me — thanks, your good wishes are appreciated.

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Of course, you must take the "bitter" with the "sweet" and no doubt by now you've read Chester Snaveley's letter. If I were a student of psychology, which I ain't, I'd say Chester must have had quite a childhood — he sounds like the type who'd hate his mother. Anyhow, Chester, thanks for Christmas wishes — just watch your language, this here's a family paper and the children read it.

As for the Centennial Project — don't worry about it — it's being took care of — even before you stuck your long, pointy nose into the picture. A merry Christmas to you too, Chester.

* * * *

A couple of weeks ago I told you how I'm pretty free with the advise but don't act on it myself. Well, I did it again. Everytime we go out I warn my wife and family about leaving their parcels around where they might get took. So, what do I do? Last week I went into the Canadian Tire Store in Lindsay to buy an exhaust extension I couldnt locate here. I found what I wanted paid for it and before I picked it up from the counter I met an old friend of mine, Eric Jackson. We visited for about five minutes and when I turned around to go — no parcel, someone had lifted it.

About a week later I went back to the store to see if anyone had fetched it back. No luck, but I'll say this for the staff of the Tire shop, they were interested in my problem — they couldn't care less.

So, to whomever you are or where you are — "A Merry Christmas" to you and use my exhaust extension in good health.

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Everyone tells me I should interject a little humour into the column so here goes. I was told about an old fellow in his nineties who told his Doctor he had quite a problem, "he was still chasing girls" "Nothing wrong with that" said the Doctor.

"The only trouble is," said the old fellow with tears in his eyes, "I still chase girls, but I can't remember why!"

I have often wondered how long the viewing public are going to sit back and put up with the type of plays the CBC give us. One feature in particular seems to be sick — I'm referring to Festival. The garbage they dish up is enough to ruin the outlook of any youngster.

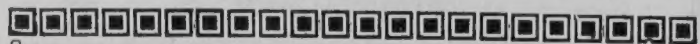
The last one I partially watched until I couldn't take any more was the "Paper People" I missed the message, (if there was one) and I couldn't follow all this burning of paper dolls — the only burning I think, should have been the "script" before they had a chance to use it.

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Christmas is almost here — I would like to wish each and everyone of my readers "The Best Christmas and the year 1968".

Drive carefully as we come up to the Holidays — don't let an accident put you in the position of being "gift wrapped" and brought home to your family.

Fenwick



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

December 18, 1967.

Dear Finch, —

I have been watching for your reply to my letter about the "Minden Centennial Project" and what you were going to do about it. When you did reply it was a pusillanimous effort — just as the matter Fink? You getting I figured — "no guts" — what's chicken or are you afraid of ruffling a few feathers?

Oh well, it's Christmas, so, enjoy yourself. Maybe 1968 will see you rise up and do something, ments of the Season to you. in the meantime, the Compli-

Yours truly,

Chester Snaveley

DUAL FORESTRY SERVICE FOR YOU

Private landowners now have a choice of two forestry services from the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests — advisory service and management service.

Professional forestry advice for such things as "how to plant trees", "what trees to cut for sale in your bush" or how to control damaging insects and diseases" is available to any landowner. This advisory service is free and has been available in Ontario for over 60 years.

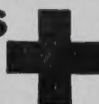
It requires no obligation on the part of the owner, except that your forester hopes that you will follow the advice given.

If you are really interested in forestry and want to make use of all available resources, then the management service is for you. This service is limited to those willing to treat at least 5 acres of land i.e. plant 5 acres or more to trees or improve 5 acres or more of bush. Forestry management treatments are prescribed for your property, free labour and service is then provided to carry out the work required. If you have the time and know how, you may do the treatment work for which you will be paid by the Department for work done.

To obtain this management service you must sign an Agreement with the Department assuring that you own the property, that you will protect it from livestock, fire, insects and disease and that you agree with the land-use treatments prescribed for your property.

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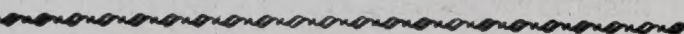
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GREETINGS

In the true spirit of the season, we wish you all the "old-fashioned" joys of the holidays . . . the ever-new delights of good friends around you, good times and good cheer, and the gladness of exchanging gifts and greetings.

And, in a spirit of sincere gratitude, we wish to extend our thanks for your favors and friendly good will. Each day in our business life makes us appreciate more deeply how much our pleasant association means.

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IT'S CHRISTMAS

Here it is exactly four days before Christmas, how the time flies. It is the same story this year, as others — many people are in a dizzy, doing last minute shopping. Poor mother, she is a busy person all year around, but come Christmas — she must move into a higher gear still.

She is expected to do most of the Christmas shopping, wrap the presents, decorate the tree, clean the house, have all the clothes washed and pressed. For something to do when she runs out of these little jobs, she is expected to, make a Christmas pudding, a couple of Christmas cakes, some fancy cookies, and lets not forget the bird, with all the trimmings. Well, that keeps her out of mischief.

Now, lets take a look at good o'l dad. To start with he loses a few years wondering where all the money is coming from — this probably is a routine thing with him anyways. He is burdened down with at least one present to buy. But then he is responsible for the purchasing of the Christmas cheer. Thats quite a chore — especially so, when it is customary to sample the stuff, before the Christmas season really starts. Of course I think he still makes it his responsibility to get the tree. He usually has to make that trip to Austin's service station, and haul that little pine back into town. Last but not least, when he thinks his work is finished he ends up having to carve the turkey. Poor Dad, it's been another trying Christmas.

For the children Christmas means nothing but good times and laughter — and this is the way it should be. They have many years ahead of them, when they must fret and worry about life in general. Making a living in a world, where they must work hard to keep abreast, or else fall behind.

Probably the best results of Christmas, is friendship and peace. Everyone makes amends, at least for a short period of time. Most have peace of mind, for this short season. For the mind, and the spirit, it is like a holiday or a change, everyone is much better for it to start another year.

For some however, it is not quite the same. We should all give a little thought to those who will weep, starve and die during this happiest seasons. For millions around this tattered old globe, Santa will never come. Maybe with the new year will come an answer to these problems.

In this jet-age, and the jet-set travelling at great speeds, everything seems to go out of style quickly. This however, is not so with Christmas, it seems to stand the strain of times, and remain much the same. Talk about styles, last year at this time we mentioned the minnie skirt, this year its the shorter minnie. The gals now have to wear hip rubber boots to keep warm. For the boys, hats have gone out of style, with their long hair, bonnets will be next. If you want to really be in the crowd, you must take the odd drag of pot, or a shot of LSD. How old Santa avoids all these temptations, is beyond me. However he has his beard, so probably there will be no protests.

Thats all for this year — we hope. Have yourself a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lindsay, Ontario
December 16, 67

Dear Sir;

If the Lord should pay a visit to Minden some one would shout. He's back, get the hammer and nails.

Yours truly,
Cobb Webb

Lango College,
P.O. Box 86, Lira
Uganda, Dec. 8, 1967

Dear Sir,

This will go down as one of our red letter days in Uganda. We received our first copy of the Progress, that of September 21st. ot-day. Things have been a bit of a vacuum without Fenwick and our home area news. Please keep it coming and bill us air mail ofr anything we owe so that we will not miss a single issue.

Best regards to all the staff and our friends in Minden.

Yours sincerely,
Bill Valentine

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Seventy years ago, eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote an appeal to Frank P. Church of .he New York Sun; "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

The same question is still important to-day. It's important especially to the thousands of children in hospitals across the country.

Some lie in bed attached to a thin plastic tube leading to a plastic bag. It may be a bag of whole blood. It might be one of the many products derived from blood.

They need it because they are "bleeders", or victims of leukemia, or recuperating from open heart surgery.

It's there because someone like you took the time to give part of himself.

That's why Church's editorial was able to reply, "Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus."

FINED \$25 AND COSTS IN LINDSAY COURT

William Farr, 22, of Mount Pleasant and Joseph P. Silver, 20, of Newmarket were each fined \$25 and costs in Lindsay magistrate's court Thursday for having rifles in a deer area during open season and not having deer a hunting licence.

Court was told the two were in a car which was stopped at a Lands and Forests deer check on Highway 121 south of Kinmount on November 18 and two 30-30 calibre rifles were found in the rear of the car.

The pair said they were to have gone hunting with some other persons and had planned to purchase deer hunting licences at Minden, but when they were unable to find the men they were supposed to go hunting with, they decided to return to Newmarket. On the way back they were stopped by Lands and Forests officers.



Sincere Good Wishes

We take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks to all our friends and patrons. It is our sincerest wish that each and every one enjoy the very merriest Christmas and a holiday season filled with good cheer.

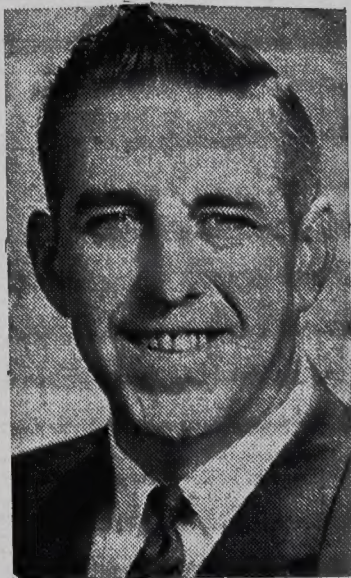
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CANADIANS FARE WELL

For at least a decade, Canada has ranked third among nations in government spending in social security seen as a percentage of the gross national product. First was New Zealand; second, the United Kingdom, with Australia fourth and United States fifth. Canada's percentage in 1965-67 was estimated at 9.2, the same as in the 1964-65 fiscal year, the last year for which international comparisons are available. In the 1964-65 term, New Zealand's percentage was 10.8, the UK's 10.7, Australia's 7.6 and it was 6.9 in the USA.

TO ALL MY CONSTITUENTS



WILLIAM C. SCOTT

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year, with the sincere hope that 1968 will bring peace and understanding to our troubled world.

KINMOUNT LEGION HELP

HOCKEY TEAMS

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 441 at Kinmount will sponsor novice, pee wee and bantam teams in the OMHA northern division for the 1967-68 season.

Other teams participating in the northern division will be from Haliburton, Minden, Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon.

At a recent meeting in Kinmount, coaches and managers were assigned for the three minor league teams. The novice team will be coached by Glen Anderson and Marshal Dudman will manage the team. The pee wees will be coached by John Detman and Gerald Spencer is manager while Ralph Pearson will manage the bantams coached by Jack Phillips.

SKI HINT

Pre-season conditioning for skiing pays dividends, according to "Ski Fun for Everyone", a slick ski manual produced by the Department of National Health and Welfare. Good conditioning will enable you to develop skills more quickly, control your skis more efficiently, and avoid injuries through falls. Even the best skiers fall. If you are not in condition you may be hurt seriously.

SPORTS

WITH BOB BEENEY

Dear Santa Claus:

Since I have a few moments to spare and its getting pretty close to Christmas I thought that I had better sit down and write my yearly letter to you.

First of all I want to thank you for all my requests that you most kindly filled last year.

This year I have a fairly lengthy list for you but since I know that you have to keep many, many people happy I'm only going to ask if you can fill a few of the more important ones.

Last year I asked you to have the Fairy Princess wave a magic wand over the winless juveniles and even though it took you quite awhile to accomplish the request the results have been good. I don't know whether it was the magic wand or the imports but nevertheless they've been doing well.

This year I'm going to ask you if you could talk to some of those Minden Bantams. They have the talent but once they get in a game everything they've learned seems to disappear from their noggins. Maybe if you waved the confidence wand over their heads they would start playing.

I wonder when you're passing the Minden Curling Club if you could look in your pack and find a few extra curlers. See if you can get some that have a lot of enthusiasm and interest who can be a credit to the club.

This is one request I'm hesitant to ask for but I guess I'd better. See if you can round up a foot or two of snow for those ardent snow mobilers.

And how about seeing if you can arrange for a lot of snow and cold sunny weather for the Minden Winter Carnival. I'm sure the Carnival Committee will have a good program arranged if you can guarantee the weather.

I'm sure you could make a number of women in the Minden Physical Fitness Club happy if you took something away instead of giving. In case you're wondering what it is just have a look at their bulging figures and you'll know right away.

Oh yes! Remember last year I asked if you could do something about the Minden Arena. Well I guess you couldn't do everything last year but please see what you can do in 1968 to improve the facilities.

One last request before I say good-bye. Could you see if you could get the Editor of this "Illustrious Rag" to improve conditions in the Sports Department. See if you can get him to move my office away from the dark room and the furnace and stop him from storing excess print along side my desk.

Well I guess thats all for this year except that I would like to wish you and Mrs. Claus and all the Minden Progress readers a very Merry Christmas.



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ARTHUR A. YOUNG — MAN WITH MANY DEPARTMENTS

When you take a close look at the By-Law enforcement officers department here in Anson, Hindon and Minden, you find it breaks up into many categories.

Art Young works in this department by himself, he is the Health Inspector, Welfare investigator, and administrator, dog catcher, building inspector, inspector of septic tanks and tile beds, in charge of water system outside of the pump house, main lines and hydrants. From this no one should ask, what he does in his spare time.

In the year 1966, 226 building permits were issued by Mr. Young these included permits for septic tanks and tile beds. This year from January 1st. to November 30th. 194 permits were issued. The value of these permits were \$355,059.00. Estimated value of septic tanks ran \$13,200.00. Fees paid into the township for these permits were \$947.50. The value of these permits from this year ran very close to that of last year.

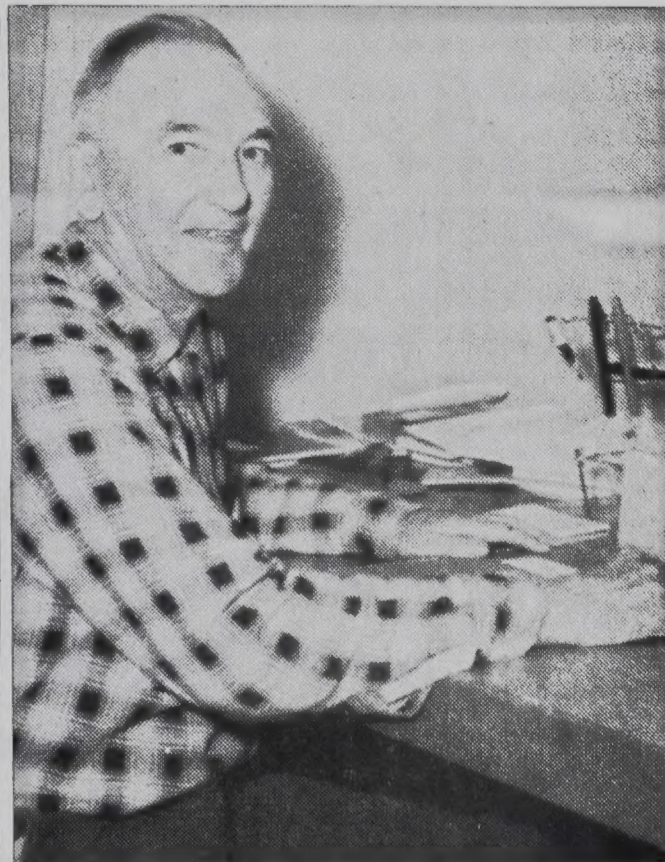
Mr. Young is a dedicated inspector, and we might say a very co-operative one. He is often found during the busy periods in the summer, inspecting tile beds and tanks on Sundays, and holidays. He explains, "these people can only get up on week ends to do the work around their cottages, and if I didn't go and make inspection, I would only be holding them up."

Art Young has a large territory to cover, and averages 1000 miles a month to make his calls.

Before being hired as full time By-Law enforcement officer in April 1966, Mr. Young worked on the 60 cycle conversions in Toronto for 10 years, as an instrument technician. Mr. Young ran the Cliffside Golf and Country Club in Toronto for 3 years. He joined the army for a three year hitch, ending his military career as a Transport Sergeant. Up to the time he went into the army he worked 25 years with El Ruddy Sign Company.

Mr. Young came to know the highlands when he purchased a cottage in 1953 on Horseshoe Lake. He moved here in 1959 and worked for 5 years at the Blairhampton Golf Club.

It is dedicated municipal workers like Arthur Young, who are making this township a fine place to live.



Art Young pictured above at desk. Other than the leg work, records have to be kept, and book work done.



Here Mr. Young inspects a tile bed being dug, just one of his many inspections, made in a days work.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA THE PARISH OF MINDEN

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8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Festival of the Nine Lessons with Carols.
11:00 p.m. Midnight Communion

MONDAY DECEMBER 25th.

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

ST. JOHN'S, GELERT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th.

2:00 p.m. Christmas Communion

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th.

4:00 p.m. Christmas Communion

THE NATION'S BUSINESS

by William Scott M.P.

Prime Minister Lester Pearson this week announced his resignation as Leader of the Liberal Party. The news was made public at a noon-hour press conference on Thursday.

The first reaction on Parliament Hill was one of surprise. For, though pundits have been predicting the PM's departure for some weeks, the man himself has staunchly denied any intentions of quitting. Just 10 days ago, he said he felt it was important to give leadership in the Federal-Provincial constitutional conference slated for January. There had been the feeling in Ottawa that Mr. Pearson wanted to see Canada through the problems which beset it at the moment before leaving the scene.

Obviously, reasoning along those lines went completely out the window. For the next three or four months, Canada will be a ship of state without a captain, if not a helmsman. Open season has been declared for what will no doubt be the hottest Liberal leadership sweepstakes in the party's history.

Historically, the leadership has been passed down like the Holy Grail. Groups of insiders within the party hierarchy have anointed the chosen and they have eventually become Prime Minister. No Liberal leader in this century has failed at the ultimate goal. The old Liberal notion, that of being 'the party of government', was ever present in such deliberations.

This time, however, it just won't happen that way. The Grits will

stage a convention, probably in Ottawa, probably in April, that will try to match in every way the Tory extravaganza last September. Needless to say, the Tories were tempted to smile at the prospect of someone else washing linen publicly for a change.

The Conservatives grabbed the initiative for the next election by changing leaders first. They have the advantages incumbent upon that event. The Gallup Poll rating is but a part of the result. The new leader, Mr. Stanfield, will be well and truly settled by the time his new opponent takes his seat. While the Liberals are fighting it out and causing the inevitable splits within a political party at leadership time, the Conservatives will be colly planning for an election they know must come soon.

But the Liberals too have certain advantages. They know who the opponent for their new leader will be, and, if they so choose, they can vote accordingly to get the man who will show up best against Robert Stanfield. Also, they have the accumulated experience of the September convention to work on, although that isn't likely to be of much help, since the gathering at the Gardens did pretty much all that one event can possibly do for the prestige and exposure of a group of people.

Canadians can confidently expect a convention of balloons and and ballyhoo. They can also expect a goodly number of contenders.



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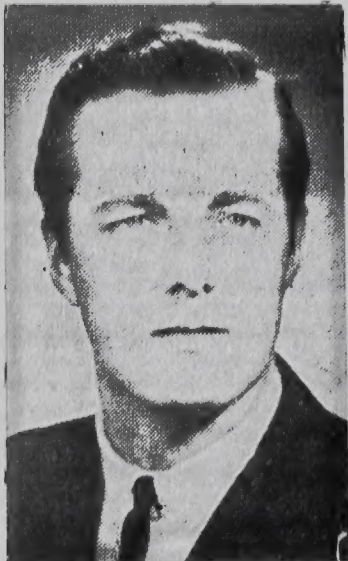
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POLLUTION IS A PEOPLE PROBLEM

"Pollution is a people problem - people cause it; people must control it" was how Arnold Edinburg summed up the recent Ontario Pollution Control Conference.

Problems not only of air pollution, which has been front page news lately, but also contamination of water and soil were discussed and studied at the conference.

One of the most thought-provoking papers was delivered by Dr. C.H.D. Clarke, chief of the Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. He warned that pollution, which today is killing off fishes and other forms of wildlife, could indicate a future danger to human life.

There is no hard and fast way to determine the effects of domestic and industrial wastes on the environment stated Dr. Clarke. But the simplest way to measure good environment for human beings was to see if wildlife thrived in it.

He spoke against the "heavy handed business" of applying pesticides - "you poison the coyotes that ate the gophers, because incidentally they kill a few sheep. Then you have to poison the gophers. It's a big deal if your in the poison business."

Dr. Clarke said that DDT has ruined reproduction of trout in a couple of important Ontario lakes.

With trout and salmon it has been established that a concentration of 2.9 parts per million in the yolk sac is the threshold of trouble in the survival of the fry. At varying levels higher than that (but not much) the egg will hatch, but when the fry start to absorb the contents of the yolk sac they die. We are afraid that it is only a matter of time until trout eggs from one source can no longer be used.

Dr. Clarke stated that our only hope is that one day the trade will use non-persistent chemicals, and then in time DDT will disappear from the environment.

The Pollution Control Conference called and sponsored by the Ontario Government, was quite a success. For the first time the Government stated what programs and legislation it has in the pollution control field. The three hundred invited delegates, of which the writer was one, are now in a position to detail this information to their various associations, who in turn may send constructive comments and perhaps detailed briefs to the Government.

Perhaps the greatest problem in the pollution control field is developing an informed public opinion, which in turn will demand government action.

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NOTICE

The Court Of Revision for the townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Minden on Wednesday, January 10th., at the hour of 10 a.m., at which time appeals will be heard against the 1967 assessment roll for taxation in 1968.

G. Bibby, Clerk

NOTICE

To the Ratepayers of the Townships of Anson, Hindon & Minden. Please Note that Tuesday, December 26th is hereby designated as Boxing Day throughout the Municipality.

Charles S. Brandon-Reeve

BLOOD IS NEEDED EVEN AT CHRISTMAS

It is quite probable that over the festive season many of our citizens will visit a hospital.

They will go to express greetings to a relative or friend who may be confined for one ailment or another. Their visit will be more important at this time. In spite of the fact that hospitals try and create an atmosphere of holiday gaiety there is always no place like home for good cheer.

If you are a hospital visitor you may see one or more patients receiving a blood transfusion. That transfusion is an important step in the restoration of health or may save a life.

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W.H. CRANSTON WRITES ABOUT CHRISTMAS

There are many elements in the spirit of Christmas. Not the least of them humour. The cheery smile and the happy heart are as much the sign of St. Nick as his red suit, his reindeer or his bountiful bag.

Laughter, said a sage of old, is the invention and the gift of the gods bestowed in pity on the oil-worn and harassed human race. Stephen Leacock put it a bit more simply. He said he would sooner have written "Alice in Wonderland" than the whole of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

In Stephen Leacock Canada had a unique amalgam of economist and humorist.

"Malthus," Leacock declared, "was the father of the empty cradle. He was the first teacher of political economy. But he had a hare-lip. The students couldn't understand him. No harm was done."

To which he added; "So far as political economy meant practical precept — work, save and take what you can get — the Scots didn't need it at school. They had it as homework."

And to put us in proper place, Stephen Leacock wrote of his trade as an economist; "When I sit and warm my hands as best I may at the little heap of embers that is now political economy, I cannot but contrast its dying glow with the furious blaze of the vainglorious and triumphant science that once it was."

So even if over the past twelve months our "furious blaze" has given off little light, please join us this Christmastide around "the little heap of embers". There will at least be some heat there, reflecting, we trust, appreciation of friendships past and striving common in their goal.

And many each of us earn, in some small measure, the final tribute published by "Punch" to Canada's best known humorist, "Leacock."

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Boucher will receive their friends on the occasion of their 50th anniversary in the Grill Room, Empire Hotel, Huntsville, Sunday, December 17th, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE

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\$100 reward, 15 inch Beagle hound, male 9 year old, black, brown and white, lost in Ridout Township, Black River area Nov. 18th, answers to the name of Blaze. Last seen November 19, North West of Minden. Tag Maple Machine and Tool Co. Ltd. (tag maybe missing). Call Toronto 635-8164, 8 to 5 p.m., or Maple Ont. 832-2570 collect.

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1. Do not purchase a tree that has dried out. Trees that are too dry have brittle branches that shed needles easily. Test twigs and needles for flexibility.

2. Store tree outdoors, preferably under shade, until it is to be used. If it must be stored indoors, re-cut butt and immerse in water. Maintain water supply.
3. When tree is to be erected, re-cut butt diagonally. Stand tree in water and maintain water supply of duration of tree's use.

The experiments prove that a tree handled in this manner will achieve a moisture content equal to (and in many cases greater than) its moisture content when cut and will stay fresh, green and safe through the Christmas season.

There are two important limitations, however, to this effectiveness of butt immersion;

1. A tree whose moisture content has dropped to a critical point before immersion will not recover, but will continue to dry out, even while standing in water.

Check tree again for flexibility 24 hours after erecting. If there is any sign of lessened flexibility in needles or twigs, the tree should be removed.

2. Even a tree with 100 per cent moisture content will not withstand a complete ring of flames at its base.

A quantity of highly combustible material at the base — such as tissue-wrapped — gifts — presents a fire hazard in itself, from which the tree, as well as many household furnishings, will not be immune.

The Department further advises the use of lighting equipment bearing the Canadian Standards Association label of approval. Make sure every wire and socket is in proper working order. Use only decorations made of non-combustible or approved slow-burning material.

A further warning; Use of a fire-retardent chemical spray on your tree is no substitute for butt immersion and is not recommended.

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

The following classes will be offered if a sufficient number register by December 21st. for each class.

It is important that persons signing for a course be serious about attending classes. If people sign up and only come for a few nights, it is discouraging for teachers. Some good instructors have refused to take classes absenteeism among students in other years has caused them to feel incompetent.

TUESDAYS —

BADMINTON and SQUARE DANCING There will be five nights of square dancing on January 9th. and 23rd., February 13th. and 27th. and March.; also there will be five nights of badminton on January 16th., February 6th. and 20th., March 5th. and 26th. Badminton and Square Dancing are for both men and women. The school will supply rackets and birds.

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Students taking this course are encouraged to take both nights, but may only take one. Classes will be held on the following dates: — January 4th., 9th., 11th., 16th., 18th., and 23rd., February 6th., 8th., 13th., 15th., 20th., 22nd., 27th., and 29th., March 5th., 7th., 12th., 14th., 26th., and 28th.

There will be classes for twenty nights from January 4th. to March 28th. inclusive. Enrolment fee of \$3.00 will be paid to the instructor on the first night. It will be \$6.00 for both nights of typing.

Persons interested must send in applications before December 21st. because classes will be made up on December 22nd. and if there are not enough registering for a course it will be cancelled. It is necessary to know by that date whether there will be a class or not in order that the instructor may make preparations.

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Santa's Centennial Project

Never since I've been riding the Christmas circuit have I been so glad to get home. As I stepped down from the sleigh and threw Nick junior the reins I thought that he seemed to have grown two inches while I was gone. He was now big enough and old enough to make the next trip with me. For this I was thankful for the last year had been rough. Besides the usual problems of scarcity of laborers, higher prices for materials and wage increases I had to settle the unexpected problem of my reindeer going on strike for shorter hours, bigger meals, thicker lichen to lie on and a month's vacation in Algonquin Park. Then I noticed that Mrs. Claus was slowing down like me. We have been in this business thirty years, having inherited it from my grandfather, or was it my great-great-grandfather? Anyway it was so far back it was too hard to trace. I know that my great-grandfather had the new sleigh built the year he started delivering presents to Lord and Lady Simcoe in muddy York. Granddad used to tell me tales of how proud his father was the year he took Lady Simcoe the gorgeous beaver cape, and how annoyed he was at the narrow chimney and the wood ashes getting in his beautiful white hair. It was my grandfather who laboriously hauled a genuine Indian birch bark canoe to little Johnny the Christmas he was twelve so that he could explore the coastal waters of the Bay of Quinte and do a little fishing. Nobody could have been prouder than grandfather Nicholas x when that same John Macdonald was made the first Prime Minister of Canada in eighteen sixty-seven. That Christmas he took him a gold watch-fob set with real diamonds.

My father, Nicholas II, had a new red flannel suit made to fit his rotund figure. He had it and the cap trimmed with soft, white ermine which made him look like a real dandy. He was the one who introduced the wig. Since he started to go bald quite early in life, he felt that the image of a baldheaded Santa just didn't go with that beautiful fur-trimmed costume. Of course he cursed all the people who burned soft coal in their hearths. Grandma simply could not get the oily soot out of his beard and hair.

When my father inherited the job he got quite a thrill out of

the whole deal. He had to replace all the old reindeer though he still called the new ones by the familiar names. He was very disappointed that Mr. Mackenzie King never married for he would like to have bragged that he had been in Government house if only via the chimney.

When I took over in nineteen thirty-seven, the first thing I did was to add Rudolph to the reindeer team which delighted children everywhere. I had to have the red suit taken in, the rubber boots relined and vulcanized, the sleigh repaired, repainted and new metal runners added. I think, if it had not been for an accident on the way down last Christmas, I would have tried to carry on as before, but I got such a jolt from it that I decided to make a drastic change. It was my custom on returning from the big journey to get out of that itchy red flannel as fast as possible. Then, discarding the soiled wig and heavy boots. I would soak in a steaming tub for a while. After a warm breakfast I'd sleep the clock around. Mrs. C. greeted me this time with a big hug and quizzical look. I knew that she had noticed the limp and my shook-up appearance but, wise wife that she is, she quickly helped me undress and whisked me into bed. Twenty-four hours later I awakened somewhat refreshed but still sore from a cut and stiff in my joints. I knew that sooner or later I was going to have to tell my family about the embarrassing accident. Well, the sooner the better, so I got into a comfortable dressing gown, went to sit by the fire and called my wife and son to sit near me.

"No doubt you are wondering what delayed me" I began.

"You sure had us worried" Junior exclaimed.

"Eat your hot porridge and drink your coffee first. Then tell us all about it" Mrs. C. urged. I lost no time in doing so, then I began. "You know how unreliable the deer have been these last few years, what with Prancer high-stepping around in precarious places, Dancer wanting to try the watusi on slippery roofs, Rudolph nipping into more than the Geritol bottle until his nose got so red that I had to leave him home. Then the strike. That was the last straw! The whole series of things sure made me edgy. Besides, I'm getting older and less supple. I must have been a little careless pulling around that tall spire in North Bay for I drew in a little too close to it, and the first thing I knew a runner got caught upsetting the sleigh and throwing the sacks of presents all over the place. I felt a sharp

jab in the seat of my pants which made me let out a yell like a wounded coyote. Of course this frightened the pesky animals so much that they pulled and tugged until they jerked themselves free, then they took off over the housetops as though a pack of wolves was after them. I was sure they'd be half way home by the time I pulled myself together. I could have cried I felt so embarrassed. There I was skewered to that weathervane like a stuck pig. All I wanted to do was get loose, head for home and forget the whole thing. Who needs me anymore? Here I was almost breaking my neck to deliver Christmas gifts to a lot of spoiled kids who are going around with their own cars, portable televisions, portable radios, walkie talkies and all the other luxuries. However, the longer I sat the clearer things became. I found myself remembering all those poor children who needed new shoes, clothing, books, food, and a toy or two to help ease their dreary lives.

Thanks to my fur-lined suit and thermal underwear the damage to my seat was not so bad. After applying a bandaid to my cut and gulping a few snorts of hot buttered you-know-what from my thermos which I keep strapped to my back, I pulled myself together, sighed a couple of ho-hos, picked up as many parcels as I could and continued on foot. The team must have felt a little guilty because I hadn't gone far when I spied them huddling in a clump of spruces. I was so relieved to see them that I forgot to reprimand them. I just circled back, picked up the rest of the load and hurried on. Day was breaking as I dropped down the last chimney. Did I say 'The last chimney?' Right then is when I decided it would be!

"You've got to be kidding," Junior exclaimed. "You can't quit!"

Oh, I don't intend to quite. I simply mean that I intend to change the whole procedure. With the arrival of nineteen sixty-seven we can make it our "Centennial Project."

"I've been meaning to talk to you about that, my dear." Mrs. Claus interjected "I really think we ought to do something to mark the occasion."

Getting into the spirit of things Junior chipped in, "how about building a smart new entrance to our property and landscaping it with plenty of nice flower beds and shrubs?"

"That's very commendable, but quite ordinary. I heard many people talking of doing just that when I drove over the country on Christmas eve. Following along

that line I'd like to produce a lot more hoes, rakes, paint brushes and tins of good paint to distribute to each small town and village so that they might clean up their yards and paint up their buildings. What most of them need is a good Arbour Day. The trouble with that is I cannot wait until next Christmas 'o do it. 1967 would be over before they got it done. Let's hope that some of them decide to do it anyway. What I have in mind - - -"

Before I could get on with my own idea Junior came up with another brain wave, "We could build a new sleigh with more modern lines and put lots of gold paint on it and a great big 1967 sign hanging on the front. How about renaming all the deer, say like Ringo, Ridler, Rusty, Rory, or Rudolph?"

I could stand no more. "Hold it right there, son. I positively refuse to take that tippy Rudolph again. In fact, I've decided to discard all the reindeer altogether. I want to create an entirely new image of Santa Claus. We can sell the old sleigh to an antique dealer. At the price of good antiques to-day the sleigh should bring in enough money to make a large down payment on a whirlybird. The deer will bring another sizeable amount."

"Gee, Dad, that's a cool idea. Imagine us taking off in a real egg-beater! Wow! I'm glad I'm old enough to get a driver's license", Nickey beamed.

"Good gracious, no! Not a helicopter! It has been risky enough racing about the country in that old sleigh. Look what happened to you last time." A truly wifely comment if I ever heard one.

"Now, my dear, you needn't worry about me. These new chop-pers are really something. They are quick on the takeoff, easier to land, simple to operate. Why, I hear that they can fly upside down, and may be used in combat. With Junior to help pilot we could cover the roofs in far less time and be back sooner so that we could spend more time together. Of course, if I discard the reindeer and sleigh, then the suit, boots and wig go too. I'm quite keen to get dressed in a real snappy sweater and a pair of those comfortable looking corduroy slacks. I'd have them fitted by an expert tailor. You know those old pants were so baggy they made me look as though I had fallen arches."

With wifely concern Mrs. C. Asked "Will you be warm enough dear?" I replied "To be sure. I'll still wear my thermal underwear and maybe a couple of sweaters. I'd like to buy one of those light weight but warm rainproof wind-

breakers with the cosy hood to pull over my head when I need it. I never did like the feel of that thick stocking cap on my head. Hardly anyone wears a hat anymore. Even the women go hatless the year round, except when they go to weddings and funerals. Oh yes, I'm anxious to try out a pair of soft hush puppies. What a relief to wear them after those stiff boots!"

After a few moments of consideration my good wife conceded, "You know dear, I honestly think it wouldn't be such a bad idea after all. I'd like to be the one to wear a wig. I could use a little modernizing too. Perhaps, if I got one styled to my liking, and shortened my skirts a few inches, it would change my image in order to be keeping with your new one. Just be sure you choose practical colors like charcoal or banker's gray so that your clothing won't show the soot."

"Indeed I will not," I replied. "I do not intend to go down or up another chimney. I intend to take a course in lock picking so that I can enter all types of homes easily with no problems to worry me. Junior, you can wear your warmest jeans and desert boots. Shall I let my hair grow a bit or will you get yours trimmed a little shorter? I'd hate to give people the impression that we are a new folk singing group. When we make our next trip I'd like us to look like ordinary father and son going about our business in a normal modern 1967 way, that is, if we are noticed at all, which is unlikely. In this age of gimmicks, tricks and subterfuges, I want to be able to knock on any door and have people recognize me for exactly what I am, just an ordinary honest Joe. There is just one other thing. I'd dearly like to take along on our Centennial Christmas special delivery a very generous number of handsomely gift wrapped twin spray cans of magical 'tranquillizing liquids called 'Peace on Earth' and 'Goodwill to Men' to scatter freely over the whole world. I'd mix with them our fervent prayers for a speedy solution for the trouble in Viet Nam, for the racial problems in the South, for the easing of poverty and sickness everywhere."

So, folks, when our big 1967 festive season rolls around, if you see some red coated, white whiskered old gentlemen roaming about shopping centres and plazas, be they short, tall, thin or fat, beware of them for they all will be phonies. I expect to be busy elsewhere.

Saint Nick

Noel

Wishing you
all the
joys of the
Christmas
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HOLY MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

EXPRESSED IN CHURCH SERVICES

"And the angel said unto them Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men, women and children of this community will put aside not only their everyday concerns but the more immediate interest in tree trimming and package wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas, in special services held by local churches.

Catholic churches will proclaim the birth of the King of Christendom by solemn midnight masses. To commemorate the Nativity. Protestant churches will hold candlelight and communion services and children's programs.

The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old belief that Christ was born at that hour. Actually, mass may be said at any hour during the night before Christmas, and in some countries the first Christmas mass is said at four or five in the morning.

According to early Roman regulations, Christmas mass was celebrated "when the cock crows" — about three o'clock in the morning. Spanish speaking people still call midnight mass "Misa de Gallo," while the Portuguese term is "Missa do Gallo" — in both cases, "mass of the cock."

Candlelight services held in Protestant churches symbolize Christ as the light of the world, and the shining beams of the candle call to mind the Star that shone to guide the Wise Men

SEASON'S "FIRSTS" ARE TRACED

Shepherds watched, angels sang, and wise men travelled far to behold the miracles of the first Christ.

Since that holy night a multitude of legends and customs, both religious and secular, have developed as part of the holiday.

Each legend was once told, each custom once observed for the first time, and though origins of many traditions are now lost in time other Christmas "firsts" have been recorded for posterity.

There are historical Christmas "firsts", attested by church records and by scientific research into the early years of Christianity as well as "firsts" of later history and "firsts" that blend fact with myth.



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Santa's Busy, But Has Lots Of Help

Even though Santa is sometimes pictured as traveling by rocket or by jet plane, his favorite mode of transportation still seems to be the famous reindeer-drawn sleigh. The only wonder is that he can remain as jolly as he traditionally is, when he has to cover the world in one night delivering gifts by the billions.

Perhaps the explanation may be found in the number of helpers he has, and also in the fact that Christmas Eve is not his only day for delivering gifts.

A.D. he was honoured as a friend to the young. December 6 became "Children's Day", and St. Nicholas, a real bishop

was the first "Santa". Many legends grew up around his name,

and many centuries after his death on December 6, about 342 A.D., traveling by horse, brought gifts to reward children for good behavior.

Although Santa has to a large extent replaced St. Nicholas, in some European countries children still await the arrival of the bishop on the night of December 5, and set out shoes filled with hay and carrots for his horse.

In Scandinavian and some other countries, Santa gets an assist from St. Lucy, who is responsible for the distribution of gifts on her day, December 3.

Christmas comes after Christmas to many homes in France and French Canada, where the old tradition of giving gifts to children on New Year's day is observed. There's a resemblance to Christmas in the placing of gifts beside the fireplace, often in stockings.

Even then, the Santa season isn't finished. Many Spanish children expect the Three Kings to bring them gifts on Epiphany, January 6. They too set out shoes filled with straw and grain for the horses the Kings ride.

Whatever the gift-giving date Santa has a host of helpers to lighten his load. In addition to St. Lucy, Scandinavian countries have the Tomtar, little gray-bearded men who are said to hide gifts for boys and girls on Christmas Eve. The Christ Child or Kristkind brings the gifts in many countries.

In Italy the traditional gift-giver is Befana, sometimes described as a benevolent fairy and sometimes as a witch. Legend says that she misdirected the Magi or that she refused shelter to the holy family, in repentance, seeking the Christ Child and doing good to children on Christmas Eve.

So, when you look at it this way, you can see that old Santa has many good people helping him around the globe.



IN ENGLAND

Roast peacock is a Yule delicacy in England. An early recipe directs careful removal of the peacock's head and skin so that the roast bird can be sewn back into it before serving.



in life's journey, one of the great rewards is the good will of our friends. We thank you heartily and wish you a most Merry Christmas.

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*Away in a Manger, no crib for his bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky, looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*



Dr. Martin Luther has been called the "father of evangelical hymnody." It was through the efforts of this great man that the lost art of congregational singing was restored, and the Christian hymn again was given a place in public worship. This militant man who wrote "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" was also the tender man who wrote "Away in a Manger."

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CHRISTIAN VISITORS SEEK CHURCH OF NATIVITY FOR THREE CELEBRATIONS OF CHRISTMAS

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem is for thousands of Christians each year the focal point of the religious observance of Christmas. Visitors of many faiths make the trip to Bethlehem, now a part of Jordan, to the church of the Nativity.

The manger so familiar to all who know the Christmas story was an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the centre of the hill town of Bethlehem.

Christmas is observed three times at Bethlehem, and for each observance the Mandelbaum Gate between the Israel and Arab sectors of Jerusalem is opened to admit the Christian pilgrims.

Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian denominations share the church of the Nativity. Roman Catholic churches begin the Christmas celebrations with masses on Christmas Eve, December 25.

Eastern churches observe the Christ's birth in January. For the Greek Orthodox churches, which still follow the old Julian calendar, Holy Night is January 6, Christmas Day January 7. Armenian churches celebrate both Christmas and Epiphany on January 19.

Those of the Protestant faiths gather in Shepherds Fields, the nearby site where according to tradition, the shepherds heard the angel of the Lord come to tell of the Nativity.

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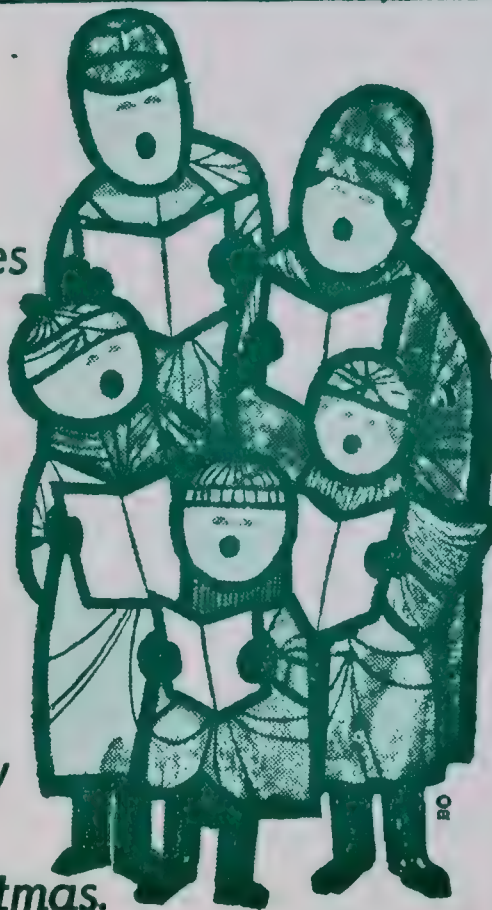
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By James Woodford

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CHRISTMAS MORE THAN FEASTS AND MERRIMENT

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." (Dickens)

When so many of us are caught up in an exhausting round of holiday activities, plunging through mobs of department store shoppers, wrapping gifts, mailing Christmas cards, planning parties, buying a tree, putting up decorations — we might do well to pause and consider these words. Are we so busy with the outward signs and symbols of the season that we forget their meaning?

For Christmas is more than a time for feasts and merriment. It is a time to open our hearts

as well as our presents. It is a time to remember in honour of one born in a stable, those in bleak hospital rooms, those cut off from family and friends, those facing loneliness and despair.

Perhaps you have wanted to but wondered where to go or how to help. One way that is available to all of us, however limited our time or resources is to give to the Salvation Army. For over one hundred years, this fine organization has been bringing the comfort and joy of Christmas to many who would otherwise have known only abandonment and suffering.



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Throughout the Christian world the holiday most universally enjoyed, by young and old alike, is Christmas. Although each country has its own kind of celebration, the most important feature of all — the true Christmas spirit of "good will to men" — is found in everyone.

The story of Christmas begins on a starry night long ago in the little city of Bethlehem, near Jerusalem. On the hillsides shepherds sang as they attended their flocks. The town itself was astir with excitement, for many visitors had come from the surrounding country to pay their taxes. Among these visitors were Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and his wife Mary. They arrived late and were very tired. The inn was already fully occupied, so that Joseph and Mary were obliged to find shelter in the stable.

Many weeks past, an angel told Mary that she would become the mother of a child who would rule the Kingdom of men. On this night a son was born to her in the manger in Bethlehem. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid Him tenderly in the straw. Before dawn, shepherds appeared to tell that they had been visited on the hillsides by an angel who had directed them to the manger, saying that they would find there a new-born savior. Other angels too, they said, had appeared sing of "peace on earth, good will to men". Wise men who had followed a brilliant new star in the heavens came to, bearing gifts. The child was called Jesus, which means Savior.

History at no point reveals exactly at what time of year Jesus was born. Consequently, His birth was celebrated on a number of different days by the Early Christian Church. In the fourth century, however, December 25, was established as the date on which Christ's birth would thenceforth be celebrated. For a great many years it was solely a religious festival, and even now, special Christmas services are held in many Christian churches.

IN DENMARK

A Danish Christmas custom is the "Jul-bock", a long pole with a goat's head, whose duty it is to butt in when the children misbehave.

IN CANADA

Probably the most traditional custom on Christmas day is the festive meal, usually of turkey and Christmas pudding.

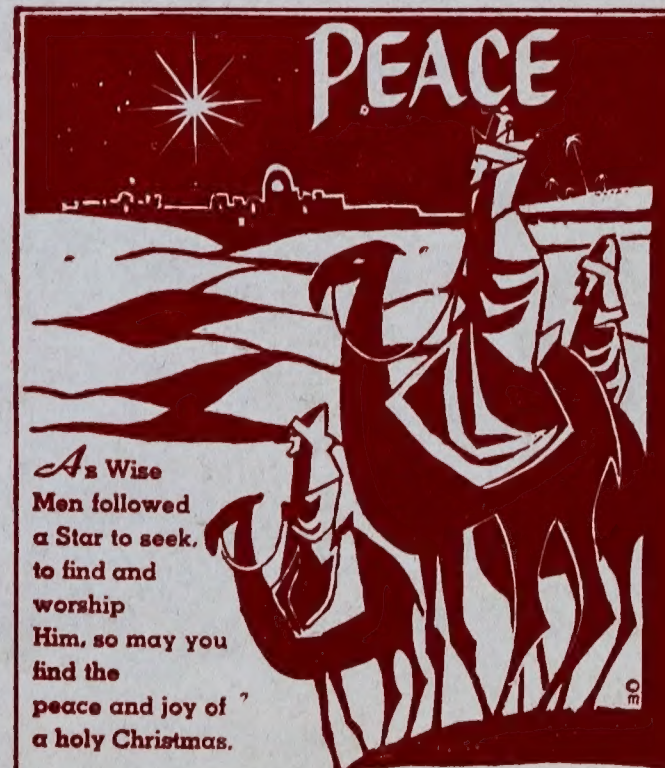


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"O CHRISTMAS TREE MEANS FIR TO MOST

Tradition for trimming, the fir is the tree most people think of when they sing "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches."

Although there are close to 40 species of firs found in Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas, and North America, the holiday favourite — the Douglas fir — is not even a true fir.

Originally named false hemlock with yew-like needles, the Douglas fir is neither a yew, hemlock spruce nor fir. But it does have some of the characteristics of all four evergreens, and its identity confused botanists for years.

The Douglas fir's graceful, upward growth and ability to hold its needles when cut have put it in the top spot for Christmas use. It also produced top-

quality lumber. The state of Montana is an important source of Douglas firs.

Next popular Christmas tree is the balsam fir. Also called Canada balsam or Balm of Gilead, according to the Encyclopedia Americana, balsam grows from Newfoundland to Virginia, west to Iowa and north and west deep into Canada.

Balsam retains needles well and gives off a pleasing fragrance. It is especially well-liked in the Eastern United States.

Included among the many other Christmas choices are the Eastern red, cedar, black spruce and scotch pine, has been a favourite here in Canada over recent years.

CHRISTMAS ROSE FAMED IN LEGEND

Blooming in the heart of winter and sometimes even in the snow, the Christmas rose is a plant famed in legend.

According to an old story, a poor little shepherdess had no gift to offer the Christ Child, and so she wept. When her tears touched the ground flowers sprouted.

Delighted, she plucked an armful and hastened to the infant. The caress of His fingers turned the petals pink.

Botanists class the Christmas rose as a member of the buttercup family. Native to Southern Europe and Western Asia, it has leathery, dark green leaves and large saucer-shaped flowers with white or rose-tinted sepals.

CAROL SINGING

Canadian Christmas trees, from seven provinces, are part of the holiday scene in many countries. The United States, alone accounts for about 90 per cent of Canada's annual production of trees. Still others are shipped abroad, from Ethiopia to Venezuela.

IN BETHLEHEM GA.

A 60-foot star lights the countryside around Bethlehem, Ga. at Christmas. A carol service is held beneath the star on Christmas night.

In England and France the custom of carol singing at Christmas stemmed from the songs sung between the scenes of the medieval "mystery" or "miracle" plays, which were created to teach the Bible to the people of the time few of whom could read.

The early miracle plays portrayed the coming of Christ, in simple drama. Later plays became more elaborate, with fictional scenes added.



Carols ring out . . .
gladness fills every heart
and the air is astir with the
lively spirit of the Christmas Season.
May you enjoy all of it to the utmost!

MINDEN FURNITURE CENTRE

Sincere Christmas Wishes

Our heartiest
greetings to
all our friends and
neighbors. May you
enjoy a very Merry Christmas.



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Merry
Christmas
to You

It is a
real
pleasure
to say
"thank you"
and wish you
the happiest of
holidays.

DOMINION HOTEL
Marie Kiedyk and Staff
Minden — Ontario



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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

During the last year the world has been turning its eyes skyward, as around the earth at tremendous speed a man-made satellite runs its course. It is significant that this occurs at a time when 1900 years ago, our forefathers, also looked to the sky to see the star that led the wise-men to a stable in Bethlehem where our Saviour King lay in a manger.

What a difference between then and now the Modern satellite launched with its potential conquest of the world by force, and the star of 1900 years ago with its message of Peace on Earth, Good Will To Men. A conquest, yes, but one of love.

We are thinking today of the conquest of the world, not by might, power or force, but by love; the love of God for man and man's love for his fellow-men. This is the time of giving and of receiving — at Christmas the one just as important as the other; for without receiving the gift that came to us with Christ's birth at Bethlehem, the whole spirit of Christmas giving becomes meaningless. So our first thought is the grateful reception of Christ's gift to man of eternal life and then in return our gift of self to him. With the acceptance of the Babe of Bethlehem, our life and our gifts take meaning and form. We are not asked to-day for gifts of frankincense and myrrh, but we are asked to pass along the gifts of talents, time and possessions that are ours, to make this world a better place in which to live. Humbly we stand at the manger again and make our decision to receive or to reject — to give or to withhold.

Some person has said that, "man is not a cistern for storing, but a channel for giving," so the Christmas wish is that each one of us in our own way may gratefully receive and share the wonderful gift that was given to the world at Bethlehem so long ago.

When we turn our eyes to the sky, let us not be dazzled by man's conquest of outer space, but thrilled anew as we see the stars shine in the heavens. Forever an emblem of God's guiding hand over man. Stars that may sometimes be dimmed by scudding clouds and temporary storms, but remain nevertheless to shine through again as man returns, his faith strengthened, to pay homage and respect to his Maker.

IN NORWAY

Norwegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.



May your
Day be merry and light,
and may all your Christmases
be bright! Best wishes to everyone.

CAMPBELL'S

FLOWER SHOP and GARDEN CENTRE



We extend our sincere
good wishes that you may
enjoy to the fullest every
blessing of this Holy Season.

FLOYD HALL
DON HALL and JIM ELDER



Christmas Joy

As Christmas once again
proclaims the joyful message the
herald angels sang, we wish for you and
yours the complete happiness of that holy night.

Canadian Imperial Bank Of Commerce
Management & Staff



A Joyous Christmas

May the Holy Family guide your path to a
spiritually inspiring Christmas. And may all the days
to come reflect the peace and joy of this blessed Holiday.

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